

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Appln. No. 10/004,839
Docket No. Q67591

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (previously presented): Label tape dispenser for a franking machine, comprising a delivery roller on which is wound a continuous tape of labels, a drive means for conveying this tape along a dispenser conveying path from said delivery roller towards a label inlet of the franking machine, a first coding means mounted on said drive means, for measuring an angular displacement of said drive means, a second coding means mounted on said delivery roller, for measuring an angular displacement of said delivery roller, and processing means for calculating, from said measurements of angular displacement, a remaining length of said continuous tape of labels, wherein said remaining length of the continuous tape of labels corresponds to a ratio of said angular displacements measured by the first and second coding means.

Claim 2. (previously presented): The tape dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said processing means comprises means for calculating and controlling a display of different thresholds corresponding respectively to 100%, 75%, 50%, 25% and 0% of said remaining length of tape.

Claim 3. (original): The tape dispenser of Claim 2, wherein said display is effected directly at the level of the label dispenser on a display means assigned thereto.

Claim 4. (original): The tape dispenser of Claim 2, wherein said display is effected on a user interface of the franking machine.

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Claim 5. (original): The tape dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said first and second coding means are each constituted by an optical coder comprising an optical emitter/receiver cooperating with a coder disc on which slots defining a step of unitary displacement of the coding means are made at regular intervals.

Claim 6. (original): The tape dispenser of Claim 5, wherein said optical coders present equal steps of unitary displacement.

Claim 7. (currently amended): Label tape dispenser for a franking machine comprising a delivery roller on which a continuous tape of labels is wound, drive means for conveying said tape along a dispenser conveying path from said delivery roller towards a label inlet of the franking machine, first means for measuring a displacement of said drive means, second means for measuring a displacement of said delivery roller and processing means for determining a remaining length of said continuous tape of labels from said first and second displacement measuring means, wherein said remaining length of the continuous tape of labels corresponds to a ratio of said angular displacements measured by the first and second coding means.

Claim 8 (canceled).